



Dear Parent(s):

Child Development Watch is becoming an even more family-centered program, and we are bringing the focus of early intervention back to what is really important to families. Recent research in early intervention has shown parents want their children to:

Function	well throughout the day, and in different environments
Engage	with others, build healthy relationships, and make friends
Participate	fully and actively in their homes and their communities
and be Included	in activities that will help them reach their fullest potential

Our goal is to build stronger, and more supportive, relationships with families, and one of the activities we are doing to accomplish this is called the **Routines Based Interview (RBI)**. The RBI is designed to provide a rich description of how the concerns you identified, when referring your child to Child Development Watch, affect his or her *functioning* throughout a typical day. If your child is determined eligible for Child Development Watch services, we will spend approximately two hours talking about what your day looks like, sounds like, and *feels* like. This conversation will assist you in identifying what is working well, and what you might like to see work better, both for your child and your family. It will also assist us with learning what is most important to you.

Using information gathered during the RBI, we will develop a family plan identifying the goals and outcomes you would like to work on, and outlining how we can assist you in meeting your goals. If additional supports, also called interventions, are needed, they will be provided in your child's natural environment (home, child care, a family member's home, etc.). All interventions will be built on things your child does well, and will be delivered in a way that will help you practice skills during the times when the interventionist is not in your home.

It is important to remember that interventionists are in your home for a very short time, often only one hour out of the total 168 hours in a week. When you, your friends, grandparents, and other people in your child's life continue to provide supports between intervention visits, your child will have more opportunities to be successful. Being successful is what we all want for the children and families in Child Development Watch!

We are excited about this new way of working with families, and welcome your feedback. Please contact your service coordinator with questions, concerns, and suggestions to make this change even better! You can also call the main number and ask to speak with the RBI Coordinator.

Kent/Sussex County: 302-424-3300 or 800-752-9393

New Castle County: 302-283-7240 or 800-671-0050